Conversion of Shamlaji-Vapi Highways As National Highway

1338. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal of the State Government of Gujarat for conversion of State Highway Shamlaji-Modasa-Godhra-Halolo-Rajpipla-Vapi No. 5 (505 Kms) into National Highway during the Ninth Five-Year Plan is under consideration of the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the same will be done in the next Five-Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Construction of Overbridges on NH.5

1339. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct the road overbridges at Railway crossings on the National Highway No. 5 between Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada to ease congestion, convenience and safety of the people besides free flow of traffic; and

(b) if so, the provisions made and steps taken to issue early sanction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This portion of National Highway No. 5 being part of "Golden Quadrilateral" is proposed to be widened to 4-lane. This will include replacement of existing Railway Level Crossings by ROBs. NHAI has already engaged a consultant for design & project preparation activities.

After completion of project preparation, the project will be

implemented depending upon the availability of fund and inter se priority.

Privatisation of Port Activities

1340. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have identified various areas in the ports for private sector participation;

(b) if so, what is the present status of this proposal; and

(c) the details of the projects handed over to the private sector and what is the progress made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has identified the following areas in major ports for private sector participation:—

(i) Leasing out existing assets of the Port.

(ii) Construction/creation of additional assets.

(iii) Leasing of equipment for port handling and leasing of floating crafts from the private sector.

(iv) Pilotage.

(v) Captive facilities for Port-based industries.

(c) A list of projects handed over to private sector is given in the statement. (*See* below) They are in various stages of implementation.

Statement

APPROVED PRIVATE SECTOR/CAPTIVE PORT PROJECTS

S.N.	Project Name	Port name
1	Container Terminal (2 berths)	Jawaharlal Nehru(JNP)
2	Liquid Cargo Berth	JNP
3	Fifth Oil Jetty	Kandla
4	Oil Jetty and related facilities	Vadinar (Kandla)
5	Oil Jetty	Kandla
6	Container Terminal	Tuticorin